A Celebration Life, Spirit & Love

Cheryl Courtney-Evans

Sunrise July 12, 1952 | Sunset October 2, 2016

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016

TWELVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

The Vision Church of Atlanta

Bishop OC Allen III

704 Ormewood Ave SE,

Atlanta, GA 30312

Pastor Maressa Pendermon, Officiating

Unity Fellowship Church Greater Atlanta

Obituary

On July 12, 1952, A star was born in Kansas City, Kansas. The legendary Cheryl Christina Courtney-Evans or Chris as she was affectionately known completed her formal education at Sumner High School, and received a scholarship to attend Havard University.

Cheryl C. Courtney-Evans relocated to Atlanta,GA. The beloved Transgender Activit and warrior began her walk service with LaGender, Inc. an Atlanta transgender support group, where she received certification as a transgender peer counselor through the United States Conference of Mayors grant program.

Convinced there was another, way to serve the transgender community, she joined the staff of Aniz, Inc. and through this agency was able to co-found TILTT, Inc. (Transgender Individuals Living Their Truth, Inc.); Along with Minister Lisa Newson to help to facilitate her vision of establishing the first transgender support & advocacy organization in Atlanta to serve both transgender men and women.

Since its inception on September 27, 2007, TILTT achieved incorporation, becoming TILTT, Inc., and has strived to assist transgender individuals in navigating the community at large, addressing those issues that would help them to more fully integrate into the Atlanta community. TILTT, Inc. has served a growing multitudetransgender individuals, providing moral support and general trans-advocacy.

In April, 2009, Ms. Courtney-Evans was hand selected by The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) along with over 200 transgender individuals, to participate in Lobby Day on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. These freedom fighters lobbie Congress members to ensure passage of the Matthew Shepard/James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act with gender identity included as one of the protected groups, as well as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). The former was signed into law in 2010. She is the recipient of the 2012 Pioneer Award, issued by the Transfaith In Color Conference & the Freedom Center for Social Justice, of Charlotte, NC.

Ms. Courtney-Evans lifetime of service and advocacy work prompted the 2016 Atlanta Pride Committee to name her as one of its 12 grand marshals of this years pride parade.

She was a constant supporter of human rights issues and a warrior for equal rights for all with a specific a focus on the transgender community respectfully.

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Order of Worship

The Prelude " Coming Home" by Livv Wright

The Processional

The Prayer Of Comfort Bishop OC Allen III

The Scripture - Minister Lisa Newson
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection - Soloist Tia Garrett

The Obituary - Simaya Charlize-Theresa Turner

Visual Presentation

TILTT Presentation

The Reflections

The Eulogy
Pastor Maressa Pendermon

Acknowledgements

"I Have Fought A Good Fight, I Have Finished My Course,
I Have Kept The Faith" 2 Timothy 4:7

The Recessional

Obituary

Cheryl was an extremely creative woman. In her leisure time, Cheryl enjoyed long walks with her dog Paris, playing cards, shopping on Jury TV, crocheting, long late night talks with her beloved sister Lois, watching MSNBC & cooking her favorite meals which includes her famous Swedish Meatballs. She especially enjoyed movie nights with family! When asked about her extravagant and love for fine jewelry, her motto was "It's never too much to sparkle".

Cheryl transitioned peacefully at 6:10 am on October 2, 2016, at Emory University Hospital Midtown after a courageous battle with lung cancer where she entered into eternal rest. She is predeceased by her parents Willie Mae Douglas & William Bobo and brother Marcus Bobo. Cheryl is survived by her sisters Ms. Lois Hickman (Kansas City, Kansas), Ms. Beverly Brooks (Dallas, Texas), and Ms. Athalia "Anna" Faulkenstein (Atlanta, Ga) and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ms. Cheryl C. Courtney-Evans leaves behind an amazing legacy, a family that she created, her beloved dog Paris, her four special children: Eric King, Simaya Charlize-Theresa Turner, beloved son-in-law Tierre Turner, and her oldest son, sidekick, favorite, and best friend Mr. Kelcy "Luckey" Calhoun. Her brother Renard Prather, sister Minister Alicia Newson and her beloved TILTT Members.

Honorary Ushers & Flower Attendants

TILTT members & friends

In Appreciation

The family of Ms. Cheryl Christina Courtney- Evans will like to express our sincere gratitude for all the act of kindness and comfort shown during this period of bereavement. We greatly appreciate all your kind words, food and monetary donations, generous donations of your time and the beautiful floral arrangements we received. We realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful friends during times like this. Your expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten.

Committal Services Entrusted To

Haugabrooks Funeral Home
364 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

Celebration of legacy and life for Ms Cheryl Courtney-Evans

will be held at the Phillip Rush Center
1530 Dekalb Ave NE Atlanta, GA
hosted by Georgia Equality

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